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CDBG Administrator

From: Steven D. Folks, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

Cc: John Dryden, Interim City Manager

Date: 5/14/2009

Subject: Project Proposal for Renovations of Project Pay Building
and the Outdoor Track at Youth Sports Complex

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting your assistance in securing funds to complete the following projects:

Project I. Repair the Project Pay Building located in Historic Zinn Park (intersection of Moore Avenue and 13th Street). This building was once used by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) then headed by Reverend John S. Nettles to house its youth program and other organization functions. This building is considered historic to many blacks in the Anniston community because of Rev. Nettles' significant impact during the Civil Rights Movement. There are murals within the building that remain undamaged depicting certain events involving Rev. Nettles and the SCLC youth movement.

We propose to bring the building to a state of repair where it would enhance Historic Zinn Park and the Martin Luther King Pavilion, as well as being used by the community for special events. Reservation of the building would be required and a minimal fee charged.

The proposed repairs are listed below with the estimated cost.

Replacement of all windows	\$39,600
Heating and Air Conditioning	\$16,800
Replacement of the Roof	\$24,750
Painting, Plumbing, Repair, and Floor Replacement	\$ 4,200
Architect's Fee	\$ 8,535
Contingency	<u>\$ 6,000</u>
(see enclosures)	TOTAL \$99,885

It is our intent to insure that all repairs to the building be compliant with the Historic Preservation Board's guidelines; thus, not compromising the historic stature of this building.

Project II: Repair the walking track and lights surrounding the youth football field at the Youth Sports Complex located on McClellan.

Presently this track has numerous cracks and retains water in certain areas. This poses safety concerns that can be corrected by resurfacing. The football field lights are inoperable and this limits our nighttime use.

This track is used by the City of Anniston's Parks and Recreation Department for its Track and Field Program throughout the year. This includes all community centers and city schools. The City of Anniston public schools as well as Carver, South Highland, Glen Addie and Wiggins Community Centers are attended primarily by low-moderate income patrons. This is also the only 400 meter track located within the city limits of Anniston; therefore its repair would be a vital enhancement. The track is also used constantly for recreational/health related walking and running by citizens from all demographics.

The City of Anniston's Youth Football Program has experienced tremendous growth over the past three (3) years. During the 2008 football season, more than 300 children (approximately 90% low-moderate income families) participated in the program and we anticipate at least a 15% increase in 2009. Without sufficient lighting, our use of the football field is limited to day light hours only. This presents a scheduling nightmare and also restricts the number of home games that can be played at the complex. There is also the possibility of having to limit the number of teams due to our inability to play night games. The addition of the lights will not only enhance our program, but will also increase our revenue stream.

The estimated cost for this project is:

Resurface and mark the track and convert to metric (see estimate) (see enclosures)	\$45,000
Repair lights using existing poles (The estimate for the repair of the lights was \$35,000 in 2007. We have added an additional \$5,000 to compensate for cost of living increase.)	\$40,000